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PALESTINE

20 FEB 1948

Registry Number

E 2395/2395/31

FROM

J. Gutch

No.

Colonial Office

Dated

21100

Received in Registry

to Mr. Bell
18 Feb
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Public Services (Supplementary Grants) Ordinance 1947
Enclosed copy of Palestine program N° 22 17/12
re future administration of the fund established
with the object of providing for the dependants
of Palestine Govt officers killed as a result
of terrorist acts.
Order to comment on proposals contained in
at under ref.

Last Paper.

(Minutes.)

References.

68662

(Print.)

(How disposed of.)

Opt. J. Gutch
Colonial Office
Mr Bell
Mar 10/4

Tel Jerusalem
29 May 21

Mr Gutch (c.o.)
May 25

(Action completed.)

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I think it is quite reasonable to suggest that HOME should be chairman of this Ctee. When he takes up his duties on May 15. He will have a couple of officials from the Palestine administration seconded to him who can advise him on any local details. I don't think we need consult Sir H. Bow, who is in the Channel H.

E. & O. Dept. R. 22
Mr. Gutch
Personnel Dept.) first
RMS 28/2

J. S. Gutch
Feb 20

I agree - on the assumption that the Secretary of State referred to here is the S of S for the Colonies

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SAVING.

From the High Commissioner for Palestine.
 To the Secretary of State for the Colonies.
 Date....17th December 1947.
 No. 742. STAFF. Saving. PRIORITY. SECRET.

Repeated U.K. Delegation to the United Nations, New York, for
 Martin No. 864 Staff Saving.

Public Services (Supplementary Grants) Ordinance 1947.

I had been giving consideration to the future administration of
 the Fund established in this Ordinance, when your saving telegram
 No. 270 was received and the following are my views:

2. The Board and the Fund exist in virtue of the Public Service
 (Supplementary Grants) Ordinance, 1947:

(a) Section 3(1) and section 3(2) provide for the appointment of
 a corporate Board by the High Commissioner;

(b) Section 4(1) provides that the Fund may be created by the
 High Commissioner through sums payable from the public revenues.

3. The Board has already granted a number of benefits. These
 benefits are of three classes:-

- i. monthly emoluments payable on production of life certificates;
- ii. scholarships payable either at the end of academic terms or
 academic years on production of satisfactory reports of
 scholars' progress; and
- iii. lump sum payments.

4. I agree that provision must now be made for the continued payments
 both in the U.K. and in Palestine for the benefits specified in
 paragraph 3(i) and (ii) above. It may be possible for the Board to
 review some of these cases with a view to commutating certain of the
 payments into lump sum compensation, but it would be difficult to do
 so in all cases, and machinery will, therefore, have to be devised
 through which these periodic payments may be continued after the
 dissolution of the present Board. It will also be necessary to make
 arrangements to effect payment in cases which will not have been
 referred to the present Board before its dissolution.

5. I doubt whether it is desirable or possible to split the Fund
 as you suggest, because it is not possible yet to assess the potential
 commitments as between British and non-British prospective beneficiaries.
 The fund is not, in my opinion, an asset to be transferred to a successor
 or to the Palestine Government. If you accept this view it will only
 be necessary to provide an alternative administration to the present
 Board.

6. I recommend that

- i. The Secretary of State should succeed the High Commissioner
 in the functions of the latter as prescribed by the Ordinance.
- ii. The Public Trustee of the U.K. to be chairman of the new Board
 to be appointed by the Secretary of State in the U.K. and
- iii. The new Board to be advised by two committees,

/(a) a committee

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(a) a committee in Palestine composed of H.M. representative in Palestine and of representatives from the Arab and Jewish communities to consider cases where the dependents are resident in Palestine, and

(b) a committee in the U.K. composed of say a Crown Agent and two officers retired from the Public Service of Palestine to consider cases where dependents are resident in the U.K.

7. I suggest that all the powers and duties at present prescribed by the Ordinance should be transferred by legislation in the U.K. and the continuity of the management of the fund should be secured by statutory provision. The Financial Secretary to whom reference is made in section 6(iii) should be replaced in the U.K. legislation by the Secretary of State.

8. If you accept these suggestions the machinery for the payment of benefits already granted under paragraph 3(i) and (ii) above would automatically be available. The new Board would continue the payments through H.M.'s representative in Palestine and through the Crown Agents in the U.K. as appropriate. All the new cases referred to the Board would be considered in the first instance by the two advisory committees proposed in paragraph 6(iii) who would be well informed of the circumstances of the dependents in Palestine and the U.K. respectively.

9. I should be glad to know whether these proposals meet with your approval.

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FOREIGN OFFICE. S.W.1

10th March, 1948.

(E 2395/2395/51)

Dear Gutch

Please refer to your letter No. 21100 of 18th February about the proposal made that His Majesty's Representative in Palestine should, after May 15th, sit on a committee presumably as Chairman responsible for the administration of a fund established for the purpose of providing for the dependents of Palestine Government officers killed as a result of terrorist acts.

At first sight we see no objection to this proposal in principle although it has not been possible to discuss it yet with Sir Hugh Dow, who is away on holiday. We assumed that the Secretary of State referred to in the High Commissioner's telegram is the Secretary of State for the Colonies and that the Chairmanship of the Committee in Palestine would be by arrangement and not by statute. We shall be grateful if we may be consulted again when the project has taken more definite shape.

Yours sincerely,

J.G.S. (J.G.S. Beith)

J. Gutch, Esq.,
Colonial Office.

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PALESTINE

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FROM JERUSALEM
(Consulate) to E & O Dept
F.O. No.

HMR/51

Dated 22 May 48

Received in Registry | 4 Jun 48

Public Services (Supplementary Grants) Ordinance 1947
Refers to F.O. Telegram No. 29 of 21 May 48
(E2395/2395/31)

Fund for maintaining and/or educating dependants of officers killed or injured by Palestinian terrorists to be invested in the Crown Agents for the Colonies and administered by Board of Trustees. Mr Pruen asked by Mr Gutch to transmit copy of draft Trust Deed, but this not yet received in Colonial Office. Encloses two copies of Trust Deed to pass to Gutch.

Last Paper

E2395.

References

(Print)

(How disposed of)

8, Gutch. CO (ref)
June 4

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G. E. M. 16/6

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(Minutes.)

Copy CO. (Mr Gutch)
ref. E2395

This lets out the P.O.
representative, which is
just as well.

GOV. 15/6
E & O Dept.
(Mr Nelting)

J. B. June 4

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PALESTINE

Registry Number 2001/2105/31

TELEGRAM FROM

Sir. H.M. [unclear]
No. JERUSALEM

Dated 18th June

Received in Registry 21st June

Public Service Supplementary Grants Board

Re: Jerusalem letter H.M.S./51 dated May 22nd. (N7521/2395/51). Next payments approx £P. 120 are due July 30th. Suggests £P. 250 be made available to Consul General at Jerusalem at British Bank, Amman, and that June, July and August allowances be paid together in view of the uncertain future.

Last Paper.

E 7521

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References.

See within 1) Colonial Office letter (Gutch-Birth) 21100/48 of 6/7.

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o. P. [unclear] (necessary) June 23

Tel Jerusalem No 330 July 7
2) Mr Gutch. (C.O.) July 10

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE TO JERUSALEM

No. 550
7th July, 1948

D. 10.11 a.m. 7th July, 1948

Your telegram No. 195 [of the 18th June. Public Service (Supplementary Grants) Board].

Following for Pruen from Gutch, Colonial Office.

Crown Agents have been instructed to arrange transfer of £250 to Ottoman Bank, Amman to be at disposal of Consul General, Jerusalem, for payment of allowances up to end of August. No objection to payment of allowances in a lump sum as proposed.

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THIS TRUST DEED is made the
day of 1948, BETWEEN The
Crown Agents for the Colonies of Number 4, Millbank,
Westminster in the City of Westminster, (hereinafter
called "the Crown Agents") and

(hereinafter called "The Trustees", which expression
shall be deemed to include the Trustees for the
time being of the trusts hereinafter declared).

WHEREAS by an Ordinance enacted by the High
Commissioner for Palestine on the 16th day of June,
1947, entitled the Public Service (Supplementary
Grants) Ordinance, 1947, (hereinafter referred to
as "the Ordinance") there was constituted a Board
known as "The Public Service (Supplementary Grants)
Board" (hereinafter referred to as "the Board").

AND WHEREAS by virtue of the provisions of the
Ordinance the Board received from the Government of
Palestine certain monies, hereinafter referred to as
"the fund", to be held in trust by the Board for the
charitable purpose of securing that adequate pro-
vision should be made for the dependants of
officers of the Government who had lost their lives
or suffered injuries, whether before or after the
commencement of the Ordinance, as a consequence of
terrorist activities in Palestine;

AND WHEREAS by Section 3 of The Termination of
Jurisdiction in Palestine (Transitional Provisions)
Order in Council, 1948, the fund was vested in the
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(b) for the maintenance and education of the dependants of any other former officer of the Government of Palestine if the Secretary of State shall decide that the dependants of such officer are eligible under the Ordinance, for benefits from the fund;

(c) for payment of the expenses incurred in the administration of the trust hereby created including the costs of the preparation of these presents.

3. In the performance of the Trusts declared by Clause 2 hereof the Trustees shall have an absolute discretion to make such awards and payments, whether out of capital or income, to or for the benefit of the persons therein described as they may from time to time think desirable, and in considering the making of awards to or for the benefit of persons resident in Palestine they may have regard to such advice as may be given to them by any Board established in Palestine for this purpose; and the Trustees may, in their discretion, from time to time vary any periodical payment which has been or hereafter may be awarded to any dependant, and make any payment on behalf of an infant to the parent or guardian of such infant.

4. The Trustees may in their discretion employ and pay out of the fund such solicitors, bankers, auditors, accountants, brokers, agents or other persons whose employment they consider necessary for the purposes of the Trust.

5. The Trustees may sell, dispose of or otherwise realise all or any portion of the invested capital of the fund for the purposes of the trusts hereby created and make all such payments out of capital and income as they may think fit for the purposes of

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the trusts:

Provided that the Trustees shall, as far as possible, endeavour to conserve such portion of the capital of the fund as will enable them to continue to make payments to the persons to whom awards in terms of the Ordinance have been or shall hereafter be made, until the purposes of the trusts have been exhausted.

6. On the termination of the trusts hereby declared, if there shall remain in the hands of the Trustees any unexpended portion of the funds, the Trustees shall transfer the unexpended portion to the Secretary of State for the account of the former Government of Palestine or of such authority or authorities as he shall decide to have succeeded to the government of Palestine, and if the Trustees shall at any time be of the opinion that the fund in their hands is more than sufficient for the carrying out of the purposes of the trusts hereby declared, they may, in their discretion, transfer such portion of the fund as they may from time to time think fit to the Secretary of State for account as aforesaid.

7. The Trustees will keep proper books of account, and submit yearly audited accounts of their administration of the Trust to the Secretary of State.

IN WITNESS whereof the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered by

in the presence of:-

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Registry Number E10253/2395/51

FROM COLONIAL OFFICE
Mr. Gutch to Mr. Beith.

No. 21100/48

Dated 29.7.48

Received in Registry 3.8.48

Arrangements for the administration of the Palest-
-ine Public Service (Supplementary Grants) Fund:
film of the original records of the Board.

Refers Colonial Office letter 21100/48 of 2nd.
July (E9025/2395/51).
Encloses for transmission to Mr. Pruett six prints
of a film of the original records of the Board.
Requests that Mr. Pruett arrange for the original
records to be sent back to Colonial Office as
soon as possible.

Last Paper

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References

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*Spt. Secretariat General
Jerusalem
from P. Gutch
(copy) Aug 5
Camp. Gutch. C.V.
Aug 5*

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E.L.H. 8/8 *[Signature]*

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(Minutes.)

LT. Lewis

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5th August, 1948.

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Letter to:

Consulate-General,
Jerusalem.

from:

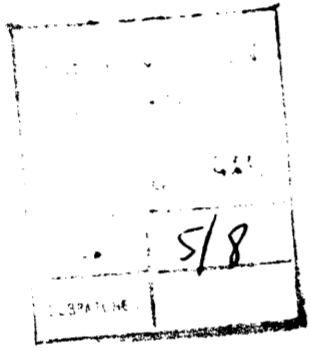
Eastern Department

copy:

Mr. Gutch, C.O.

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Dear Consulate-General,

We enclose for Pruen six prints of a film of the original records of the Board of the Palestine Public Service (Supplementary Grants) Fund, which were sent to us by the Colonial Office for transmission to him.

The Colonial Office say that he should have a copy of the High Commissioner's savingram No. 128 of the 17th February, 1948, which refers to this subject.

2. The Colonial Office would be grateful if Pruen could arrange for the original records to be sent back to this country as soon as a convenient and safe opportunity for their transfer presents itself.

Yours ever,

Eastern Department.

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Outward Bag Room

The enclosures mentioned
in attached, was sent to
'Bag room in about 4 parcels
of about 20 lb each,
the same day -
would we be right to
presume that these parcels
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see attached note.

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Registry Number E 10994/2395/31

FROM Consulate-General
Jerusalem.
No. PSGB/10/47(379)

Dated 13th August
Received in Registry 20th

Functioning of Public Service (Supplementary Grants) Boards. Further report.

Refers to E 9025/2395/31.

Consulate has taken over Board. Discusses salary of Mr. Hochster.

Last Paper

E 10253

References

E 8335
E 10641/6090/31

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2) Mr. Higham C.O.
(24) ✓ Aug 26

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E 14937

(Minutes.)

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The payments will be recoverable from
the Crown Agents.

Baron's & Finance Dept

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My Reference 21100/48.

Your Reference

14937

Colonial Office,
Sanctuary Buildings,
Great Smith Street,
S.W.1.

19th November, 1948.

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Dear Beith:

Would you please refer to Eastern Department's letter to the British Consulate-General, Jerusalem, of the 5th August (E 10253/2395/31) about the transfer of the original records of the Board of the Palestine Public Service (Supplementary Grants) Fund which are at present held by Pruen in Jerusalem.

As arrangements will shortly be completed for the appointment of trustees for the Fund in this country we are anxious to get these records sent over to the Colonial Office. Would you be good enough to ask the Consulate-General at Jerusalem whether there is any possibility of the records being sent here in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

(W. W. Clark)

J.G.S. BEITH, ESQ.,
FOREIGN OFFICE.

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